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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER CFR §1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 13, 205 setting a three-month period to respond. The response is being timely filed by the first business day following two months from the mailing date of the Notice. It is believed this response places the claims in position for allowance, or in better form for consideration on appeal. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.